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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, US, LE

SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH LEBANESE POLITICIANS IN DAMASCUS

1. HARES CHEHAB, WHO CURRENTLY VISITING DAMASCUS, IS EDITOR OF ARAB NEWS AGENCY PUBLISHED IN BEIRUT, RELATIVE OF FORMER PRESIDENT FAUD CHEHAB AND FRIEND OF PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS. HE TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 4 THAT LEBANESE CHRISTIAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN IN TOWN PAST THREE DAYS AND IS STAYING AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. SAID DELEGATION INCLUDES DANNY CHAMOUN, KARIM PAKRADOUNI AND EDMOND RIZQ (LATTER IS CHRISTIAN DEPUTY FROM JEZZIN). CHEHAB SUGGESTED EMBOFF WOULD BENEFIT FROM CONTACT WITH RIZQ OR PAKRADOUNI. CHEHAB ACCOMPANIED ON THIS TRIP TO DAMASCUS BY INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE INTRODUCED TO EMBOFF AS COLONEL JEAN NASSIF, WHOSE BROTHER ALLEGEDLY HEADS SARKIS' MILITARY BUREAU.

2. ACTION REQUESTED:

ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT WISHES US MAKE ANY CONTACT WITH DELEGATION. (THEY HAVE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO REACH US.) WE HAVE NO INFORMATION HOW LONG DELEGATION WILL REMAIN DAMASCUS.
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